

REMARKS

With this preliminary amendment, claims 1-11 are cancelled, and claim 23 is amended. The application is now believed to be in condition for examination. Consideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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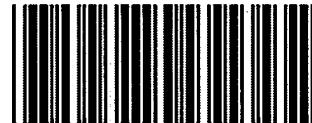
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